

L.F. asks the Appeals Board of the Utah Labor Commission to reconsider its prior decision affirming Judge George's denial of Mr. F.'s claim for benefits under the Utah Workers' Compensation Act ("the Act"; Title 34A, Chapter 2, Utah Code Ann.).

The Appeals Board exercises jurisdiction over Mr. F.'s request for reconsideration pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §63-46b-13.

### **BACKGROUND AND ISSUES PRESENTED**

Mr. F. seeks workers' compensation benefits for alleged work-related injuries arising from his employment at Pride Transport on September 30, 1997. Judge George held an evidentiary hearing on Mr. F.'s claim on May 26, 1999, and then referred the medical aspects of the claim to an impartial medical panel. Judge George subsequently adopted the panel's report and, on that basis, concluded that Mr. F. had not established a medical causal connection between his work for Pride and the injuries for which he seeks benefits.

Mr. F. appealed Judge George's decision to the Appeals Board. On January 25, 2005, the Appeals Board affirmed Judge George's decision. Mr. F. now asks the Appeals Board to reconsider its decision. In particular, Mr. F. contends that his medical records indicate that his work at Pride caused his injuries.

### **DISCUSSION**

Although Mr. F. points to parts of his medical history as supporting his claim for benefits, the Appeals Board notes that the medical panel appointed by Judge George had full access to Mr. F.'s entire medical history and all his medical records. The panel also had the opportunity to personally examine Mr. F.. Based on the panel's report, which the Appeals Board finds persuasive, the Appeals Board concludes that its prior decision is correct and that Mr. F. is not entitled to additional workers' compensation benefits.

### **ORDER**

The Appeals Board denies Mr. F.'s request for reconsideration and reaffirms its prior decision in this matter. It is so ordered.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

Colleen Colton, Chair  
Patricia S. Drawe  
Joseph E. Hatch